

Sample Class Log

This sample IGS 290 class log, recorded on the evening of November 7th, provides the reader with an example of the MUSE/teacher/student dynamic of instruction in a virtual classroom. It is presented in unedited form exactly as the class occurred.

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Content-Description:

Avalon looks at her notes from last week.

You say "Is Bubbles around?"

Billy says "i am ok, how's everyone?"

You say "Okay! Trying to build up a little steam."

Cookie says "much better than last week"

Billy says "yes"

Avalon has learned lots and lots the last few weeks.

Cookie says "this type of enviornment forces one to formulate thoughts in a different manner"

Dallas has arrived.

Dallas arrives from IGS290 Classroom.

You whisper "Hi. Are you at home or in the library?" to Dallas.

Dallas whispers "at home...how are you"

Cookie says "you can't assume that meaning will be garnered through body

language or facial expression or tone of voice"

You paged Alex with "About ready for class?".

You whisper "Yep...If you have any problems call 285 7203 and ask for Mark." to Dallas.

You whisper "if no answer, call me at 966 4383" to Dallas.

You say "Let's see who is here and who is idle."

Dallas whispers "thanks, I need all the help I can get"

You say "Dallas..are youo with us."

Cookie says "mainly it forces me to truly clarify my thoughts before I speak"

Dallas says "hi everyone... ready for another interesting dicussion?"

You say "Billy, you here?"

You say "Has anyone seen Bubbles?"

Alex says "im here"

You say "Hi! I missed you."

Billy says "yes"

Avalon puts on her glasses.

You say "Is bubbles around."

Avalon nods..

Billy says "yes"

Avalon plays 20 questions.

You say "Is she siging on?"

Alex says "billy is helping her"
You say "As you might guess, I am going to ask you to summarize a little from last week."
bubbles has arrived.
bubbles arrives from IGS290 Classroom.
Avalon bets Extreme will be late.
You say "Hi Bubbles."
You whisper "thanks." to Billy.
Dallas says "better late than never"
You say "So, get ready to enter your summary statements from last week."
bubbles says "Hi!!!I am beginning with an open mind tonight."
You whisper-posed Dallas with "Avalon laughs."
Avalon waits for each to give an idea from last week.
Dallas says "sorry I wasn't able to attend last week"
Cookie says "This era was the real beginning in scientific discovery. The foundation was being laid for further exploration."
Billy says "the people must be learn as a group to exploration."
You whisper "Just listen and let's see how the group does...read the log from last week" to Dallas.
Alex says "The Portuguese were the pioneers to discovery. They used the ideas of experience and feedback."
Avalon thinks that is a pretty good summary.
You say "And this week...what was the reading about?"
Alex says "The Arabs were not interested in exploration"
Alex says "The dicoverly of the Americas"
Cookie says "the difference between discovery and seeing something"
Avalon smiles at Cookie and Alex.
Billy says "i agree what cookie said"
You say "Ready for a little tour?"
Alex says "sure"
Cookie says "sounds good"
You say "I want to try something a little different tonight."

Billy says "ok"
You say "Go back to the igs classroom."
You say "290"
Billy goes through the exit marked IGS Classroom <290>.
Billy has left.

IGS290 Classroom(#7967RvJ)

Contents:

Billy(#14318Pvcn)

dog(#2009v)

Bulletin Board(#3488v)

Obvious exits:

Vikings<V> Meeting Room E <ME> Meeting Room D<MD> Meeting Room

C<MC> Meeting Room B<MB> Meeting Room A<MA> Syllabus<SY>

Offices<OF> HUB

Cookie has arrived.

Cookie arrives from Meeting Room E <ME>.

Alex has arrived.

Alex arrives from Meeting Room E <ME>.

Shohin has arrived.

Shohin arrives from Meeting Room E <ME>.

Dallas has arrived.

Dallas arrives from Meeting Room E <ME>.

You paged bubbles with "type 290".

bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from Meeting Room E <ME>.

You say "now to the vikings! Let's explore tonight together."

Vikings(#14686RvJ)

Vikings! A word that struck terror into the hearts of many a European in the 8th century! You smell smoke and sense you may well be in danger. You are in northern Europe at the end of the 8th century! As you look up, you see smoke and plunder! Rape and Murder! Saint Cuthbert's church has once again been desecrated.

Contents:

Explanations for the plunder(#6177v)

High Stone Tower(#14699ev)

Saint Cuthbert's Church(#14141Hv)

Obvious exits:

igs classroom<igs> knorr<ship> Snow bird<SB> Av's office<AO>

Alex has arrived.

Alex arrives from IGS290 Classroom.

Cookie has arrived.

Cookie arrives from IGS290 Classroom.

Dallas has arrived.

Dallas arrives from IGS290 Classroom.

Quick! Run for the stone tower! Quick, type enter tower!

Shohin has arrived.

Shohin arrives from IGS290 Classroom.

bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from IGS290 Classroom.

Billy has arrived.

Billy arrives from IGS290 Classroom.

Alex has left.

Look! Alex races for the tower, hoping to climb to safety before the maunders kill em and steal all of the church's treasures.

Cookie has left.

Look! Cookie races for the tower, hoping to climb to safety before the maunders kill her and steal all of the church's treasures.

Shohin has left.

Look! Shohin races for the tower, hoping to climb to safety before the maunders kill em and steal all of the church's treasures.

You find yourself out of breath from the rapid climb up the 15 foot ladder.

For your safety, you might want to pull the ladder up--now!

High Stone Tower(#14699ev)

Contents:

Shohin(#1910Pvcn)

Cookie(#14314Pvcn)

Alex(#14317Pvc)

ladder(#14758v)

climbing down the ladder(#6444v)

jewels(#14759v)

bubbles joins you in the tower.

Cookie pulls up ladder

Dallas joins you in the tower.

You say "Remember this is what the Monks did?"

You say "What was unique about the raids of the vikings?"

You say "Or what do you remember about them?"

Cookie says "they learned to wait out their prey"

bubbles says "people were worried by them."

Dallas says "they seem to be pretty violent and not leave much behind"

Avalon laughs at the way Cookie put that.

Billy joins you in the tower.

Cookie says "they hit they isolated villages"

Avalon looks to Alex?

You whisper "We are talking about the Vikings" to Billy.

Alex says "they sailed in so they could be undetected"

Avalon nods...yes...

You say "Now let's see if Cookie was right about waiting out the prey."

You say "Type leave"

You say "no quotations."

Billy has left.

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bubbles has arrived.
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Quick! Run for the stone tower! Quick, type enter tower!

You say "We do't need to go to the tower agian."

You say "You have all become Monka!"

You say "Monks!"

Alex has left.

Look! Alex races for the tower, hoping to climb to safety before the
maurders kill em and steal all of the church's treasures.

Cookie says "dead monks"

You say "Yes Cookies That is true."

Explanations for the plunder(#6177v)

The wrath of God was upon the people. Clearly, they had sinned. "Why
else would God have allowed the desecration of Saint Cuthbert's church?"

You say "Why did they pick on the Monks."

You say "Or better yet, why do no one else ever do this?"

Dallas says "the were issolated with riches"

Alex says "they were basically defenseless"

bubbles says "they had may treasures"

Avalon nods to Dallas and Alex.

Cookie says " others did but in more civilized ways\"
You say "Why Cookie?"
Alex says "they were not dominated by religious beliefs"
Avalon grins broadly at Alex...
Cookie says "taking their lands and diminishing clrical privlages"
You say "Yes Alex...and yes Cookie"
You say "The Vikings were pagan...they had no fear of the Christian God."
Cookie says "most people were scared to touch the church"
You say "Let's learn a little more about the Vikings. Type sb"
Cookie goes through the exit marked Snow bird<SB>.
Cookie has left.

Viking snow bird(#14760RvJ)

"Gradually the raiders became settlers. Instead of returning home every fall to winter in frigid Scandinavia, they found it convenient to transform their bases camps along the target coasts into villages where they remained to launch attacks again the following spring."

Contents:

Cookie(#14314Pvcn)

Question to Ponder(#6923v)

Vikings in Sicily(#14773v)

Vikings in Russia(#14772v)

Vikings in England(#14770v)

Obvious exits:

Vikings<V>

Billy has arrived.

Billy arrives from Vikings.

Dallas has arrived.

Dallas arrives from Vikings.

Shohin has arrived.

Shohin arrives from Vikings.

Alex has arrived.

Alex arrives from Vikings.

Think migration, not exploration, when you think of the Vikings.

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bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from Vikings.

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Dropped.

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You say "Any ideas why I called them snow birds?"

Cookie says "they normally traveled with the seasons"

Alex says "they came when the weather was cold"

You say "Yes...and they migrated when they came."

Dallas says "the made left hand turns from the right hand lane???????"
You say "Take a look at Vikign in Sicily, Russia England, and Germany."
You say "Yes, Dallas...with long knives in their hands if you objected."
You say "You can type look England"
You say "Look sicily"

Vikings in Sicily(#14773v)

The pagan Vikings became the mediators between the many religions:
Muslims, Christians, and Jews.

Alex says "they adapted well with other cultures"
Cookie says "they were the great manipulators"
Avalon thinks Cookie has a way with words.
You say "Dallas?"

Question to Ponder(#6923v)

What do you think this ability to adapt says about their motives for
"explorations." Think about how this approach to exploration is different
from the Portuguese and the Crusaders? What are the key differences
and
how does that difference affect exploration?

Dallas says "wernt they interpreter type people"
You say "Take a look at the question to ponder."
Avalon looks to Dallas for a little more explanation.
Alex says "they also became mediators"
You say "Yes...which if very interesting"

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Avalon waits for some thought on the question to ponder.
Cookie says "they could conquer without creating overt fear and than
unity within the conquered"

Avalon hmmmms.

Avalon waits for others.

You whisper "That is really interesting." to Cookie.

Cookie says "It is easy to beware of your enemies"

Avalon wonders who was beware or whom.

Avalon looks to Alex, billy, Dallas?

You say "Try taking a piece of this. How were the Vikings different from
the Portuguese?"

Cookie says "they explored by accident"

Alex says "they were not interested in exploration"

You say "Ahh Ahh"

You say "Yes....very definitely....Cookie and Alex."

You say "Remember migration not explorations."
Billy says "they were like to stay in one place"
You say "Yes, Billy that is very important."
You say "Ready to continue...and dont' go to the tower this time!"
Cookie says "they were sailing with their fingers crossed"
You say "type v"
Avalon laughs.
Alex goes through the exit marked Vikings<V>.
Alex has left.
Billy goes through the exit marked Vikings<V>.
Billy has left.
Shohin goes through the exit marked Vikings<V>.
Shohin has left.

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Cookie has arrived.

Cookie arrives from Viking snow bird.

Dallas has arrived.

Dallas arrives from Viking snow bird.

bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from Viking snow bird.

You say "to the ship."

Quick! Run for the stone tower! Quick, type enter tower!

knorr(#14766RvJ)

A small ship in comparison to the Santa Maria or the Mayflower. A knorr measured 76 feet long, 17 feet broad, and about 6 feet from the bottom of the keel to the gunwale amidships. The keel was more than 57 feet long and was made from a single oak timber.

Contents:

navigation instruments(#3044v)

Obvious exits:

Island Hopping<islands> Viking<Viking>

With such light ships, Vikings could travel up rivers to sandy shores for

surprise attacks.
Alex has arrived.
Alex arrives from Vikings.
Shohin has arrived.
Shohin arrives from Vikings.
Billy has arrived.
Billy arrives from Vikings.
Cookie has arrived.
Cookie arrives from Vikings.
Knorr were quick! Vikings appeared quickly, struck, and disappeared.
Dallas has arrived.
Dallas arrives from Vikings.
bubbles has arrived.
bubbles arrives from Vikings.
However, with speed, came limitations!
Dallas has disconnected.
You say ""Their ships were very different."
Alex says "their ships were not designed for long voyages"
You say "Correct..."
You say "Why?"
You say "What were they designed for?"
Cookie says "raiding"
Avalon nods...
Alex says "they were designed to go from island to island"
You say "Yes...not the long voyages of Columbus."
Billy says "they designed for the close place"
Avalon is very impressed with how prepared everyone is.
Alex says "and shallow water"
You say "billy could you say a little more about that."
Billy says "they want to"
You say "The shallow water let them to up rivers and slip in and attack!"
Cookie says "the element of surprise"
Dallas has connected.
However, with speed, came limitations!
Avalon Grins at Cookie.
You say "Hi Dallas...are you okay?"
Dallas says "yes, I guess"
With such light ships, Vikings could travel up rivers to sandy shores for surprise attacks.
You say "Let's summarize quickly for Dallas."
You say "YOU each had good comments."
Billy says "vikings could travel up to the rivers and for surprise attack"
Alex says "they were not designed for long voyages"
You say "Let's go island hopping."
You find yourself on a knorr on the stormy North Sea. Fortunately, land is about every 500 miles here; so your small ship will have ample supplies.
Faeroe Islands(#14774Rv)
The Faeroe Islands lie about 200 miles north of Scotland. By 700, the

Vikings were setting here.(Discoverers, p. 209)

Obvious exits:

Iceland<ice> Knorr<ship>

Alex has arrived.

Alex arrives from knorr.

Shohin has arrived.

Shohin arrives from knorr.

Dallas has arrived.

Dallas arrives from knorr.

bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from knorr.

Cookie has arrived.

Cookie arrives from knorr.

Billy has arrived.

Billy arrives from knorr.

You say "Notice that the island was only about 200 miles across the sea."

Cookie says "short distances"

You say "Why did they keep going from island to island?"

Avalon nods to Cookie.

Cookie says "their navigational tools were limited"

Avalon wonders why they did not just stay on one island...

You say "Yes indeed, Cookie."

Alex says "they were growing in populatin"

Avalon slaps Alex on the back and shakes his hand.

You say "Yes...."

Alex says "thanx"

Billy says "they also short of goods"

Cookie says "very prolific"

You say "Yes, Billy."

Avalon thinks they were a lot like rabbits.

You say "Ready to go toIceland?"

Iceland(#14777Rv)

The European's called Iceland the Thule, believing that the Vikings had settled the Ultima Thule or farthest goal of human endeavor. By 930 most of the habitable land of Iceland was settled.

Contents:

Eric the Red(#14782v)

famine(#14781v)

Obvious exits:

Greenland<G> Faeroe Island<Fae>

Billy has arrived.

Billy arrives from Faeroe Islands.

Shohin has arrived.

Shohin arrives from Faeroe Islands.

bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from Faeroe Islands.

Alex has arrived.

Alex arrives from Faeroe Islands.

Cookie has arrived.
Cookie arrives from Faeroe Islands.
Dallas has arrived.
Dallas arrives from Faeroe Islands.
You say "Remember Thule?"
You say "And do you see Eric the red here."
Cookie ducks just in time. Eric has more murders to commit. He is soon banished for three years from Breida Fjord.
You say "Take a look at Red."
Banished again, Eric sails down Greeland to Cape Farwell. Follow him there by typing G for Greenland.
Shohin ducks just in time. Eric has more murders to commit. He is soon banished for three years from Breida Fjord.
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Billy ducks just in time. Eric has more murders to commit. He is soon banished for three years from Breida Fjord.
Banished again, Eric sails down Greeland to Cape Farwell. Follow him there by typing G for Greenland.
Alex goes through the exit marked Greenland<G>.
Alex has left.
Shohin goes through the exit marked Greenland<G>.
Shohin has left.
Eric the Red(#14782v)
Eric proudly stands before you--despite being outlawed for manslaughter in Norway!
Billy goes through the exit marked Greenland<G>.
Billy has left.
bubbles goes through the exit marked Greenland<G>.
bubbles has left.
You sail with Eric for 500 miles westward...to Greenland. Your knorr weathers the trip well!(Discoverers p. 210)
greenland(#8639Rv)
Eric found "inviting grassy slopes, impressive fjords, and headlands reminiscent of his native Norway. During his three years of banishment Eric and his crew laid out sites for farms and homesteads. The land was rich in game animals, bears, foxes, and caribou. The sea was full of fish and offered large sea mammals."(Discoverers, p.210)
Contents:
bubbles(#181Pvcn)
Billy(#14318Pvcn)
Shohin(#1910Pvcn)
Alex(#14317Pvc)
Obvious exits:
Iceland<ice>
Cookie has arrived.
Cookie arrives from Iceland.
You say "That guy was dangerous."
Dallas has arrived.

Dallas arrives from Iceland.
You say "What do you remember about Eric?"
Dallas says "he committed murder and was banished"
You say "yeah."
bubbles says "he sailed to Cape Farewell"
You say "Not the typical explorer."
Avalon nods to bubbles.
Cookie says "he gathered other settlers when his banishment was over"
You say "Yea! Cookie."
You say "Is he the kinda guy you would have wanted to sail with?"
You say "How do you think he got people to go with him?"
bubbles says "no"
Dallas says "no"
Billy says "no"
Cookie says "so he led a migration"
Alex says "Family"
Avalon wonders why people would have gone with him.
You say "Alex...someone very famous is in Red's family, eh?"
bubbles says "he seemed powerful and daring"
Dallas says "adventure, promise of fortune, better life"
Cookie says "lief"
You say "yes..."
You say "Yess yess."
You say "Let's tell the rest of the stroy of Leif together."
You say "I ran of time...our adventure is over except for what you tell us now."
Cookie says "leif had courage to explore"
Alex says "when eric died he had to take care of the family"
Dallas says "lief was big and strong of striking appearance shrews temperate and fair dealing"
Cookie says "he sent his brother to the new settlement"
You say "Eric went to Greenland...and Leif went to ???"
bubbles says "he himself couldn't explore as much after the death of his father"
Billy says "leif's family"
Avalon smiles...
You say "What happened in Vinland."
Billy says "two cultures that met in vinland"
Cookie says "theskrealings attacked"
Dallas says "it became a family affair"
Avalon nods and nods and nods.
You say "but this is really interesting.."
You say "What did the Vikings do when attack?"
Cookie says "it became matriarchal"
Avalon laughs out loud at Cookie.
Avalon wonders if the Vikings build any big cities in Vinland?
Cookie whispers ""Women don't have hot flashes they have power surges"
You whisper "You are wonderful." to Cookie.
Billy says "they got loss and discover america"

You say "Yes...Billy they did."
bubbles says "but they didn't know they did"
Dallas says "they stumbled upon america"
Billy says "it's true bubbles"
You say "Let's take a look at the questions now.."

New World 1(#6855v)

1. What characterized the Norseman(Viking) explorations of Europe? What did the Vikings do and what do you think motivated them? What general impressions do you have of their actions and motives in their other explorations, such as Iceland, Greenland, and Vinland?

Cookie says "ok"

Cookie says "just one and two"

New World 2(#6856v)

2. Boorstin says that the Vikings may have been the first European settlers in America, but they settled there for a while without "discovering" America. What do you think he means by that? What was the ultimate result of Viking settlement and exploration of Greenland and Vinland?

Avalon nods for now.

You say "Let's just take about these in general."

Cookie says "they were able to go further than most because they did not try to change anyone"

Avalon nods....very different from the Crusaders.

Alex says "they were colonizers not exploreres."

bubbles says "I think the Vikings became increasingly motivated by their successful hit and run raids."

Dallas says "fast wealth"

Billy says "#1, vikings lived in temporary camp, they are outlaw"

You say "Yes...but colonizers in an interesting way."

You say "I think Billy and Alex together have something."

Cookie says "colonizers to assume the wealth than they moved on"

Avalon thinks they were very greedy.

You say "or integrated with the existing populations."

bubbles says "i think they forced colonization"

Avalon looks at Bubbles wonder what she means?

Dallas says "to me it sounded like they were almost barbarian like"

Cookie says "they didn't seem to have a problem with integration"

You say "Yes, Dallas they were...but so were the Portuguese who chopped up people for curry."

You say "What does all of this mean fr knowledge?"

You say "How did they contribute, or do you think they did?"

Cookie says "they seem to have infuenced more cultures than I previously thought"

Avalon nods to Cookie...thinking thta is a good point.

You say "But they did not try to colonize the Americans."

You say "They turned around and when back."

Alex says "they provided no feedback"

You say "Yes YES YES alex."

You say "Because they migrated, they did not go back home with KNOWLEDGE of the world."
You say "I find it amazing how a little difference makes such a big difference."
You say "Any other thoughts on the Vikings?"
Cookie says "Most of what they did was accidental"
Billy says "yes"
Avalon nods to Cookie and finds that fascinating too.
Avalon waits for Billy's comment.
Avalon wonders if she misunderstood Billy's yes. Avalon giggles just a little.
bubbles says "they had the courage to travel but no common sense as to what they found."
Avalon laughs at the way this group has with words.
Dropped.
Cookie smiles at bubbles
Billy says "what they did was accidental by wind, the power of the winds"
You say "Billy, I too found that interesting."
Billy says "because what they know is follow by the winds,"
Billy says "they did not say anything on the map"
Cookie says "wind directions"
You say "Yes. the geography made a big difference. That is why we could go island hopping."
Avalon nods to Cookie...
Avalon looks to see if there are any other thoughts?
Cookie says "there were set wind patterns that they charted"
You say "I was so surprised to find why sailors are called sailors."
You say "I had never thought of it before."
You say "How do you think their pagan religion played into this?"
Billy says "example they cannot find America because they could not see what looked like the land"
You say "How do you think the Viking expeditions would have been different if they had been Christians?"
bubbles says "they had different beliefs about the winds"
You whisper "could you say a little more about that?" to Billy.
Alex says "they would have been interested in finding new candidates for conversion"
Avalon smiles at Alex in agreement.
Cookie says "they wouldn't have been plundering the churches"
Billy pages: on which point
You whisper "could not see what looked like the land." to Billy.
You say "Yeah, Cookie..and we could not have gone up in the tower and lost Billy."
Avalon waits just a minute more to see if there is any other comment.
Billy says "why could not see what looked like the land is mean the viking cannot see the land"
You say "I asked Billy to clarify that one a bit."
Cookie says "they would have had preconceived notions of where things were"
You say "Ah, Cookie. I had forgotten about that."

You say "Okay...I think I am seeing a couple of things that really made a different in knowledge."

You say "The no feedback"

Dallas has disconnected.

You say "No need to convert other so no need to explore"

You say "Not limited by preconceived knowledge..."

You say "Let's go to questions 3?"

New World 3(#9095v)

3. What important navigational tools were discovered the Chinese and the Muslim Arabs, and eventually relied upon by European explorers?

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You say "And let's all hope Dallas gets back with us soon."

Alex says "The Chinese discovered the compass and the Arabs learned to use the wind"

Cookie says "the combination of the wind rose and magnetic direction"

Billy says "the wind season"

You say "yes...that was a really simple one."

You say "I can't imagine how they travelled the ocean with out a compass!"

You say "compass."

bubbles says "which lead to the clock and time."

Alex says "no kidding"

Cookie says "ignorance is bliss"

Avalon laughs and maybe makes life a little short.

You say "Take a look at 4"

I don't know which one you mean!

New World 4(#9096v)

4. By Columbus's day, what was the(learned) debate in Europe concerning the world's geography? How did that debate affect Columbus?

You say "I think this is really an interesting questions...I was fascinated by this one."

Billy says "the size of the earth"

Avalon looks around waiting to see what all have to say.

Avalon nods to Billy..

Avalon waits for a few details.

Cookie says "with the compass they could leave the mediterranean"

Alex says "If all the oceans together amounted to only one-seventh the earth and the earth was round there was not much sea left"

You say "Yes, cookie!"

You say "Yes...back to the illusion of knowledge again."

Cookie says "the indian ocean was a closed sea"

Avalon flips through her book.

Alex says "it helped Columbus because it meant the voyage could not be too long"

Cookie says "they had not found the westward passage to the Indies"

You say "Yes...it helped Columbus do what? Make the voyage..."

Avalon teases Alex.

You say "How did the help Columbus?"

I don't know which one you mean!

New World 4(#9096v)

4. By Columbus's day, what was the(learned) debate in Europe concerning the world's geography? How did that debate affect Columbus?

Alex says "to convince people to invest in his voyage"

You say "yes..."

Cookie says "Columbus believed in untested knowledge"

Avalon shakes her head at Cookie...

You say "Yes..that is quite a good way to say it."

You say "What else about Columbus?"

Cookie says "it sounded like Columbus was a major con-man"

Avalon thinks Columbus would do well today.

You say "And he believed, believed."

You say "How did his absolute belief get in his way of discovering."

You say "And how did it help him?"

Cookie says "he thought he discovered japan instead of cuba i think and refused to think any differently"

You say "Absolutely..."

Cookie says "he had preconceived notion"

You say "Yes."

You say "Have you ever THOUGHT you were RIGHT, RIGHT, and ignored all information to the contrary?"

Cookie says "if he had not he also might have recognized the true importance of what he had done. Kind of like the Vikings"

You say "Or better yet, have you ever known anyone who KNEW THEY WERE RIGHT and would not listen to anyone"

Alex says "he did not want to believe it was anything else but the passage to the indies"

Avalon nods to cookie. We can truly let our beliefs be our worst enemy.

Cookie says "isn't that what teenage children are for"

You say "And, as Alex points out, being so sure you are right can keep you going and make you successful."

Alex says "is this where truth and fact come into play?"

You say "You just may never recognize what you were successful at."

Avalon nods to Alex, thinking that is worth pursuing.

Cookie says "false knowledge"

Avalon looks to Bubbles and Billy.

Alex says "it is sad he did not realize what he discovered before death"

Cookie nods at alex

Avalon nods...yes. Alex...how does that relate to truth and knowledge.

Avalon thinks Alex raised a key questions.

Cookie says "is knowledge only truth when it is based on fact?"

You say "And what is fact?"

bubbles says "it's actually quite sad that he was so stubborn"

You say "How do we know."

You say "Let's go back to that original question."

You say "How do you know?"

Cookie says "objective reasoning"

Avalon nod to Cookie.

Alex says "he felt it was the truth because he didn't know the facts"
Avalon nods
You say "Who was his authority?"
Alex says "Ptolemy"
You say "Yes...That was one."
Cookie says "Toscanelli and Amerigo Polo"
You say "And I am really glad you named that one instead of the church."
Cookie says "Marco"
You say "Yes, Cookie."
You say "The church was still an authority."
You say "And the church accepted Ptolemy."
You say "We have a way of making certain people into little demigods, eh?"
You say "And we stop thinking we can know anything ourselves."
Cookie laughs
Avalon thinks Billy and Bubbles are quiet.
Cookie says "Let's abdicate responsibility"
You say "yes."
Billy says "I am still here"
You say "But, what it comes down to is you have to decide on who your accepted authorities are."
You say "Back to Columbus."
You say "What was his really impressive feat?"
Cookie says "you also have to be willing to change your mind"
You say "Yes...and most of us are not."
You don't have that!
Cookie says "salesmanship"
Avalon laughs again.
New World 5(#10570v)
5. How did Columbus reach the New World? What was impressive about his feat? Examining the effect of his voyages, in what senses did Columbus "discover" a New World, whereas the Vikings did not?
New World 7(#8803v)
7. What knowledge did Amerigo Vespucci contribute (at least to Europeans) about the New World? Why was his discovery significant? Do you think it justifies naming the continental land mass after him?
Alex says "he was able to get there and back and get back to the same location"
You say "Yes, Alex."
You say "That was amazing!"
You say "And that is what distinguished him as an explorer rather than a migrator."
You say "And how did he do this?"
Avalon was amazed about Columbus.
Avalon looks around her eyes getting big.
Billy says "he putting what he know together and discover the new world"
You say "Yes...and DEAD..."
You say "DEAD"
Cookie says "he harnessed the winds put them to his use"

You say "Yes...he did that very well."
You say "And he navigated by dead ..."
Alex says "reconing"
Avalon rolls over and plays dead.
You say "Yeah Alex."
You say "Yes. No astroomical charts."
You say "Just a compass and a hunch."
Avalon gets a littel excited now.
bubbles says "he also proved the earths size to be larger."
You say "And what did Amerigo Vespucci do."
You say "Yes, Cookie."
You say "that was amaizing too."
Alex says "he realized it was another continent and started exploration"
You say "Yes....but why did he not do what Columbus did?"
Cookie says "he had more accurate geographical findings"
You say "Yep. He used the position of the stars and his compass for navigation."
You say "Okay."
You say "Let's do a little review."
You say "Lets' go back to the original questions."
You say "Type @text av=igsquestions"
Billy says "@text av = igsquestions"
You say "Opps.. NO quotes, Billy."
Cookie says "interesting questions"
No av for 'igsquestoins.'.
Cookie says "especiallly the last one"
The questions you may want to keep in mind as you are reading the Discoverers are the following:

How did people in the past discover knowledge (what methods were used)?

Why did people in the past discover knowledge (what motivated them)?

How were people changed by the things they (or their contemporaries discovered)?

How did who they were affect what they tried to find out?

How (if at all) does it all affect YOU?

Billy says "yes, they all learn by their mistakes"
You say "Yes...or at least we have."
Avalon looks to see if others agree with Billy.
Alex says "people used the methods that were available such as the compass, maps, the wind"
Cookie says "some of them didn't know that they had learned something"
You say "Bubbles?"

Alex says "people did become more self reliant"
You say "Self reliant from what"
Avalon looks at her watch and thinks it is plus/delta time.
Billy says "example from columbus and amerigo, amerigo learn from columbus , he combined his knowledge to draw his map"
Avalon smiles at Billy....
Alex says "they used experience over beliefs"
Billy says "yes, alex"
Avalon nods.
You say "Anything else before plus/delta?"
Cookie says "are there any pure discoverers in the world?"
You say "plus is what you liked, delta is what you would like changed."
You say "Bubbles....."
bubbles says "yes"
You say "Any comments?"
You whisper "you have been quite a long time." to bubbles.
Billy says "what i think plus is your power , delta is what you would do"
Alex says "you do mean our discussion don't you?"
Avalon thinks she did not state her plus/delta very well...but thinks Billy made a very powerful statement.
You say "Yes, Alex.."
You say "What worked well for you...the plus"
Avalon waits for plusses
Alex says "plus- we focused more on the questions"
You say "A plus for me was how well prepared you all were."
Cookie says "it eas like we had a visual part to our class tonight"
You say "Cookie, could you say a little more about that?"
Alex says "you could visualize the explorations"
bubbles says "a plus for me was that I understood it better. I think it gets better with experience"
Cookie says "by going thought the viking maze I could focus and visualize on distinct aspects of the culture"
You say "Another plus for me was that you are participating better and better"
Cookie says "it was like having a map to travel by"
bubbles says "yes the mazes made it more easily to piece the time periods together"
You say "Deltas? Changes?"
Cookie says "continue the creativity"
You whisper "Thanks.." to Cookie.
bubbles says "are we a week behind on the original reading schedule?"
You say "No...I think we are on schedule."
You say "Next week readings are short..."
Cookie says "the schedule is set up for the sat. class"
Avalon nods..Saturday is the first day of the week for this class.
You say "Good job...."
You say "I doubt I will have more building for you next week..which is too bad"
You say "With Balboa and Magellan, we could have fun."

You say "But the next week, we will have more."

You say "Ray, Jim and I are going to split up the chapters and try to make this a little more like taking a trip through history instead of just a discussion."

Cookie says "It is very eye-opening for me just how rich this medium can be"

You say "So focus on the questions...and let's have fun."

You say "I had fun the last couple of days doing it, but I am not a very good programmer."

You say "So I am S L O W."

Cookie says "you did very well"

Alex says "Thanks Avalon"

Avalon bows to the class.

bubbles claps

Cookie claps and gives a standing ovation

You say "Remember to keep those overall questions in mind."

Avalon bows deeply.

Avalon blushes.

You say "You are welcome to build too!"

You say "It is fun to see things happen."

You say "And you are welcome to come back to this area."

You say "Shall we wander back?"

greenland(#8639Rv)

Eric found "inviting grassy slopes, impressive fjords, and headlands reminiscent of his native Norway. During his three years of banishment Eric and his crew laid out sites for farms and homesteads. The land was rich in game animals, bears, foxes, and caribou. The sea was full of fish and offered large sea mammals."(Discoverers, p.210)

Contents:

New World 7(#8803v)

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Cookie(#14314Pvcn)

bubbles(#181Pvcn)

Billy(#14318Pvcn)

Shohin(#1910Pvcn)

Alex(#14317Pvc)

Obvious exits:

Iceland<ice>

Iceland(#14777Rv)

The European's called Iceland the Thule, believing that the Vikings had settled the Ultima Thule or farthest goal of human endeavor. By 930 most of the habitable land of Iceland was settled.

Contents:

Eric the Red(#14782v)

famine(#14781v)

Obvious exits:

Greenland<G> Faeroe Island<Fae>

Alex has arrived.

Alex arrives from greenland.

Shohin has arrived.

Shohin arrives from greenland.

bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from greenland.

Billy has arrived.

Billy arrives from greenland.

Cookie has arrived.

Cookie arrives from greenland.

Faeroe Islands(#14774Rv)

The Faeroe Islands lie about 200 miles north of Scotland. By 700, the Vikings were settling here. (Discoverers, p. 209)

Obvious exits:

Iceland<ice> Knorr<ship>

Alex has arrived.

Alex arrives from Iceland.

bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from Iceland.

Shohin has arrived.

Shohin arrives from Iceland.

Cookie has arrived.

Cookie arrives from Iceland.

Billy has arrived.

Billy arrives from Iceland.

knorr(#14766RvJ)

A small ship in comparison to the Santa Maria or the Mayflower. A knorr measured 76 feet long, 17 feet broad, and about 6 feet from the bottom of the keel to the gunwale amidships. The keel was more than 57 feet long and was made from a single oak timber.

Contents:

navigation instruments(#3044v)

Obvious exits:

Island Hopping<islands> Viking<Viking>

bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from Faeroe Islands.

With such light ships, Vikings could travel up rivers to sandy shores for surprise attacks.

Cookie has arrived.

Cookie arrives from Faeroe Islands.

Billy has arrived.

Billy arrives from Faeroe Islands.

Shohin has arrived.

Shohin arrives from Faeroe Islands.

Knorrs were quick! Vikings appeared quickly, struck, and disappeared.

However, with speed, came limitations!

Alex has arrived.

Alex arrives from Faeroe Islands.

Vikings(#14686RvJ)

Vikings! A word that struck terror into the hearts of many a European in the 8th century! You smell smoke and sense you may well be in danger. You are in northern Europe at the end of the 8th century! As you look up, you see smoke and plunder! Rape and Murder! Saint Cuthbert's church has once again been desecrated.

Contents:

Explanations for the plunder(#6177v)

High Stone Tower(#14699ev)

Saint Cuthbert's Church(#14141Hv)

Obvious exits:

igs classroom<igs> knorr<ship> Snow bird<SB> Av's office<AO>

Billy has arrived.

Billy arrives from knorr.

bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from knorr.

Shohin has arrived.

Shohin arrives from knorr.

Quick! Run for the stone tower! Quick, type enter tower!

Cookie has arrived.

Cookie arrives from knorr.

IGS290 Classroom(#7967RvJ)

Contents:

dog(#2009v)

Bulletin Board(#3488v)

Obvious exits:

Vikings<V> Meeting Room E <ME> Meeting Room D<MD> Meeting Room

C<MC> Meeting Room B<MB> Meeting Room A<MA> Syllabus<SY> Offices<OF> HUB

Perhaps you should look at the bulletin board to see if there are new messages.

Billy has arrived.

Billy arrives from Vikings.

Shohin has arrived.

Shohin arrives from Vikings.

bubbles has arrived.

bubbles arrives from Vikings.

Cookie has arrived.

Cookie arrives from Vikings.

Avalon looks to see who is missing

Avalon wonders if Eric the Red got Alex?

Cookie says "no he got Dallas"

Avalon waves to all and wishes all a great weekend.

Avalon laughs....

Avalon hopes Dallas makes it away okay.

You say "Oh. Alex. We were afraid Eric the Red got you."

Avalon waves to Alex and goes home.